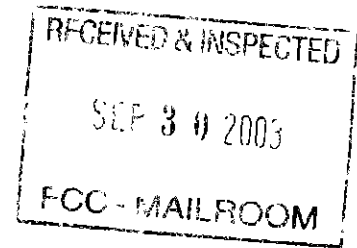


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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Re: CC Docket No 96-45
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification

This is to certify that Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. will use all federal high cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Communications Act. Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Assn. currently receives high cost loop support, long-term support, and local switching support.

With this certification, Mud lake Telephone Cooperative Assn. hereby respectfully requests that, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.314(a), (c) and (d), the Commission make and file, not later than October 1, 2003, with the Administrator of the Federal High-Cost Universal Fund and the Federal Communications Commission the certification described in 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.314 (a) and (c), and that the Commission include Mud Lake Telephone Cooperative Assn., Inc. in the list of carriers to which such certification applies.

If additional copies of the letter are required, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Dale E. Cope
President